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## Police arrest 2 for allegedly growing marijuana in apartment

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue University police arrested two people at a 621 Waldron St. apartment on marijuana charges early Friday (March 28).

According to a report, police responded to the noise complaint about 1:20 a.m. and heard what they thought to be a television on at a high volume. The officers' repeated knocks on the door went unanswered, and at one point a person started to exit the apartment.

"The officers detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana when the door opened," Lt. Fred Davis said.

Eight people were in the apartment at the time. The two residents, Yosuke Kani, 19, a sophomore in electrical and computer engineering from New Albany, Ind., and Louis Thomas Meno, 19, a sophomore in mechanical engineering from Naperville, Ill., were charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana over 30 grams and dealing marijuana, all Class D felonies. They also were charged with reckless possession of paraphernalia, a Class B misdemeanor. Meno also was charged with possession of automatic knife, also a Class B misdemeanor. Their bond was set at \$5,000.

Police found two large marijuana plants that were 2- and 3-foot tall and multiple pieces of drug paraphernalia, Davis said.

Members of the Tippecanoe County Drug Task Force and the Indiana State Police assisted.

Class D felonies are punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. A class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Two people were released at the scene, and four people were charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

The Indiana State Police has taken possession of the evidence in the case and will do most of the investigation.

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